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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJ: ROK EVACUATION FROM LAOS

REF: A. SEOUL 3346

B. VIENTIANE 3233

1. REFTELS CROSSED ONE ANOTHER, HOWEVER, EMBOFF CHECKED WITH KOREAN CHARGE CHUNG MAY 13 TO EMPHASIZE THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY DESIRED THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY. CHUNG REPLIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SEOUL MAY 12 TO THAT EFFECT AND THAT HE AND HIS STAFF AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WOULD DEPART VIENTIANE TODAY, MAY 13. HE ADDED THAT KOREAN COMMUNITY IN VIENTIANE HAS BEEN ADVISED TO DEPART IMMEDIATELY ALSO.

2. IN CALL ON ME THIS MORNING, MAY 13, CHUNG CONFIRMED THAT EMBASSY STAFF AND FAMILIES WERE LEAVING IMMEDIATELY. EMBASSY WILL SEND NOTE TO LAO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAYING THAT CHARGE IS GOING ON CONSULTATION OF ONE MONTH WITH HIS AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK, WHO IS ALSO ACCREDITED HERE. KOREANS WANT TO KEEP OPEN POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO VIENTIANE.

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3. ACCORDING TO CHUNG, THERE ARE SOME 60 KOREANS IN VIENTIANE, INCLUDING CHILDREN. HE HAS PROVIDED THEM WITH ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION BUT THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES OBTAINING EXIT VISAS. I URGED HIM TO TRY TO SETTLE THIS MATTER BEFORE HE LEFT AND IF NECESSARY TO CALL ON MINISTER OF INTERIOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN WHO HAD ISSUED THE ORDER ON VISAS. HOWEVER, HE SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT KOREANS WOULD EVENTUALLY GET VISAS AS HE HAD BEEN LED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE MEASURE WAS AIMED PRINCIPALLY AT CAMBODIANS, CHINESE AND VIETNAMESE. (COMMENT: CHIEF OF LAO IMMIGRATION HAS CONFIRMED THIS LAST POINT.)

4. CHUNG ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST AMERICAN EMBASSY TO "LOOK AFTER" HIS CHANCERY. HE, HIMSELF, WAS NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT THIS ENTAILED. HE SAID CHANCERY WAS PROTECTED BY TWO GUARDS AND BY CHAUFFEUR AND HIS FAMILY WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR.
CHAPMAN

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